

January
Fourth
1922

Mr. Harrison Albright,
Laughlin Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Enclosed find copy of letter which is
explanatory.

I am going to San Francisco tomorrow and
hope to push this matter along.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

Dictated
Jan. 1st

January
Tenth
1922

Mr. Harrison Albright,
Laughlin Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Enclosed find copy of letter from
Huber, which is explanatory and for your information.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

January 30, 1922.

Mr. Harrison Albright,
Laughlin Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Inclosed find copy of letter
from Paul Shoup, which is explanatory.

I am sure it is only a question
of time now until we will clean up with the
Southern Pacific, and then the Southern Sierras
Power Company can go ahead and build the plant.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

January 31, 1922.

Mrs. H. Albright,
618 Benton Blvd.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

Inclosed find letter from Mr.
W. L. Huber which is explanatory. Mr. Huber has
been doing fine work, and without any expense to
us has helped Mr. Albright and myself in straight-
ening out the water tangle before the water com-
mission, particularly the Pluth filings. Mr.
Albright gave Mr. Huber authority to act in our
behalf, and as he is a thoroughly honorable man,
we should not lose his support in straightening
out these matters.

Please give me the name and
address of your attorney who is handling these
matters for you. I think his name is Mr. Harkey.
You told me, but I would like to have his address
and have him, wherever is handling Mr. Albright's
affairs to get in touch with me.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

One copy sent to La Mesa

February 14, 1922.

Mr. Harrison Albright,
Laughlin Building,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Albright:

Inclosed find copy of letter from the land commissioner of the Southern Pacific, also a letter that was written to Mr. Huber, all of which is explanatory. This is the first definite proposition that we have had out of them.

Your obligation is simply to secure rights of way and the right to build the dam, and does not call for the purchase of all this property.

It is up to the Southern Sierras Power Company, it seems to me to put up a large share of this amount in case they want to own the land itself.

I will be glad to do what I can to help in the matter of a proper adjudication so that the matter can go ahead.

Yours very truly,

EP:AH

Feb. 17, 1922

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
La Mesa, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Albright:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written Mr. Huber, all of which is explanatory and for your information.

Yours truly,

EP:KLM

February
Twenty-seven
1922

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
La Mesa, California.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

I have the overdue note of Mr. Fixen endorsed and guaranteed by Mr. Albright in the sum of \$1500.00. Please let me know what arrangements can be made to pay all or a part of this note at your earliest convenience. I am needing the money very badly, and want at least \$500.00 by the 7th of March. I can let the rest run for a while, if desired.

I was in San Francisco, and believe I have made some headway in getting a reasonable adjustment with the Southern Sierras Power Company and hope to have a definite proposition from them in a few days. Have you written Mr. Paul Shoup, or have you seen Mr. Spreckels to have him get in touch with Mr. Shoup regarding this matter?

Whatever is agreed upon as a reasonable cost of the lands, or rights of way from the Southern Pacific, I think I can get the Southern Sierras Power Company to advance the money. Mr. Albright could not expect the Southern Pacific to give up its rights on the stream and several miles of rights of way, together with power site for nothing. The Southern Pacific is entitled to some reasonable compensation. This is the only thing that is holding up the Southern Sierras Power Company, and I do not want to force the issue with Mr. Shoup until you have used your influence either thru Mr. Shoup direct or thru Mr. Spreckels.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

February
Twenty-eighth
1922

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
La Mesa, California.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

Enclosed find letter from Huber which is explanatory. I had written Huber and the Southern Sierras Power Company urging them to do the fair thing by you, and I am sure if we can get a reasonable price from the Southern Pacific that an adjustment can be made and the Southern Sierras Power Company will advance any money in settlement for you.

Kindly let me hear from you by return mail as to whether you have written Mr. Shoup or heard from him, or Mr. Spreckels, because something should be done immediately. I will see Mr. Shoup and get him to make the best settlement possible the next time I am in San Francisco, if it is time for me to see him.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

Spring Valley, California
Mar. 5th. 1922

Dear Col. Fletcher:-

Enclosed please
find certificate of deposit
for five hundred dollars,
to apply on account of what
my husband owes you.

As this is not a check,
I would be glad to have you
send me a receipt.

Yours very truly
Sueir Bernice Albright

March
Seventh
1922

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
Spring Valley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

I acknowledge receipt of your certificate of deposit of \$500. to be applied on account of Mr. Albright's note. This letter will serve as a receipt. I thank you kindly for same. It has helped me out immensely just at this time. I, too, am having troubles, but prospects are looking better. If it is any comfort to you, you may rest assured that Ed Fletcher is going to go the limit to help straighten out your husband's affairs.

The head of the Department of the State Water Commission has been my guest in San Diego for two days. We have discussed the Snow Creek-Whitewater matters, and I have explained to him the whole situation. He has assured me that he is sympathetic and will assist us in every way he can, even to the extent of telling the Southern Pacific Railroad that he considers the present offer of theirs a hold-up. This is, however, confidential.

Please let me know the very minute you hear from Mr. Shoup. I will make another trip to San Francisco to help get the thing straightened out. Mr. A. B. West, general manager of the Southern Sierras Power Company asked that I be over to Imperial Valley at the celebration of the opening of their large plant in the valley. I could not accept the invitation, but I did get from him a commitment that the Southern Sierras Power Company would undoubtedly advance any money that is necessary to the Southern Pacific on an equitable agreement, and I am sure that the matter can be straightened out to our mutual satisfaction.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

March 28, 1922.

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
La Mesa, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

You promised me over the phone to send me a copy of the letter from Mr. Shoupe. I cannot do anything until I have a copy of that letter, so as to have something authentic to show the Southern Sierras Power Company and ask them to make their own settlement with the Southern Pacific.

I am going to San Francisco shortly, and I want to clean this matter up for you, and I want to be of service if I can. May I hear from you by return mail?

Yours very truly,

EF: AH

618 Benton Blvd., Los Angeles, California,

March 31st, 1922.

Dear Col. Fletcher:-

Your letter of the 28th addressed to La Mesa, forwarded to Spring Valley and then to Los Angeles has just come to hand.

I am sorry to be so late about sending the copy of the letter from Mr. Shoup. I did not know that it was necessary for you to have it before communicating with the Southern Sierras.

My husband has been under the care of one of the oldest and best brain specialists in this city and has improved very much during the past week. The chances are now good for his recovery within a few months, -but of course nothing is assured.

Trusting that you will pardon the delay of the copy of the letter,

Yours very truly,

Susie B. Albright

April 3, 1922.

Mrs. Susie B. Albright,
618 Banton Boulevard,
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

I received with great pleasure your letter of March 31st, and was certainly pleased to know that there is a probability of your husband improving, and a possibility of complete recovery. I know what it means to you, and you certainly have my deepest sympathy and my absolute loyalty in your behalf.

I am going to San Francisco next Wednesday, and will see what can be done immediately.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

April Twenty-four
1922

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
Spring Valley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr. Huber which is explanatory. Had I better not see Mr. Shoup in San Francisco personally and try and get this price reduced. Would it be a fair compromise, in your opinion, if I could get the Southern Sierras Power Company to pay one-half of this amount and advance the money for your half so you would not have to advance a cent.

This is the only thing that is holding up the building of the power plant, and when this right of way is secured, you will have assured to you something like \$90,000 as soon as the plant is completed and the revenue commences to come in.

If I can be of service in this matter, kindly let me know and I will go to San Francisco and make the best arrangement possible I can with Mr. Shoup, reducing the price as low as I can. I will then see the Southern Sierras Power Company and get them to stand all of the amount if possible. If not, I will try and get something in writing urging them to compromise on a 50/50 basis and putting up all of the money. Nothing will be done without your written consent, but I will do the very best I can for you.

Please let me hear from you by return mail.
Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

April 25, 1922.

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
Spring Valley,
San Diego Co., Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

Inclosed find letter from Gilbert S. Wright which is explanatory. Mr. Albright owed Mr. Wright several thousand dollars. I compromised the trouble, and saved Mr. Albright several hundred dollars. I gave my six months' note for \$450 to accommodate Mr. Albright on the part of the indebtedness, and in return Mr. Albright gave me a note payable to Harrison Albright in the sum of \$450, dated January 8, 1921. Mr. Albright endorsed it without recourse. The note was signed by P. L. Clark, 1050 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles. Mr. Albright said that he would take care of the Wright note, so I did nothing toward collecting the \$450 note of P. L. Clark, and still have it in my possession.

Mr. Wright insists upon his money. Ask Mr. Albright if I should attempt to collect the \$450 note from P. L. Clark, or will Mr. Albright pay Gilbert S. Wright the \$450 and interest, in which case, I will mail to you the \$450 note, payable to Mr. Albright and signed by Mr. Clark.

Your early attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

May 9, 1922.

Mrs. Harrison Albright,
Spring Valley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

Inclosed find letter from Mr. Hartke which is explanatory. Have you written Mr. Shoup, or do you wish me to see him and get some definite proposition? I will certainly do the best that I can.

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AH

Kindly return letter.

Spring Valley, California, May 11, 1922

Dear Col. Fletcher:

Your letter of the 9th with enclosure and those of the previous week have been duly received. In regard to the former two, I wrote at once to Mr. Hartke requesting him to attend to the business for me. It is very difficult for me to know what is best to do, so far from legal advice but it is my plan now to go up to Los Angeles for a few days or perhaps to Riverside or San Francisco

If I knew just what to say to Mr. Shoup I would not mind writing again but it seems necessary that I should be more familiar with the subject than I am at present. I have asked Mr. Hartke to arrange with Mr. Shoup if possible a time and place of meeting so that they could go over the proposition together.

Much valuable time is being lost by the delay in getting the rights of way across the property of the Southern Pacific and I want to do everything in my power to assist, but as Mr. Hartke is representing both my husband and myself in the management of the estate I think he is the one to see Mr. Shoup. Personally I do not wish to ask favors. I believe however that there is usually a difference between what is asked for property and what an owner is willing to take - and the way is left open for an offer from the would be purchaser.

Perhaps you do not know that all of our real property must be sold. The next time you entertain members of the "royal family" (have been or present) and you think they or their friends would be interested in our ranch, please let us know and my son will go into San Diego and bring them out.

Yours very truly,
SUSIE B. ALBRIGHT

ORIGINAL TO HARTKE

May 15, 1922

Mrs. Susie B. Albright,
Spring Valley, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

Answering yours of the 11th, will say your attorney, Mr. Hartke, wrote me asking for a conference and over the telephone informed me that he had written to you that I should see Mr. Shoup at the earliest possible date. It is true that much valuable time is being lost and Mr. Shoup should be seen immediately, and the only question is, will you see him, shall I, or do you think Mr. Hartke is the best man to see him. If you desire to have me go with you to San Francisco to see Mr. Shoup I will do so.

I still believe matters can be expedited and arrangements made to have the Southern Sierras Power Company put up all of the money and Mr. Albright pay half of it, to be deducted from the amount that is coming to you under your contract with the Southern Sierras Power Company. Mr. Albright owning one-half interest in the property that would be acquired from the Southern Pacific and the Southern Sierras Power Company owing the other half interest in the property, subject, however, to their having the exclusive right to go ahead and make the power development and having usual rights of way. I would suggest this as a compromise and hope to get the Southern Pacific to agree to sell all of this property outright at somewhere between \$15,000 and \$20,000. You would not have to put up a cent. The Southern Sierras have been ready to build this power plant for months. They have now commenced the Mill Creek Power plant, and are not so anxious.

My advice is to do business while they are in the mood.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM
cc- Mr. Hartke

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July 24, 1922.

Mrs. Susie B. Albright,
La Mesa, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Albright:

Inclosed find copy of telegram which is the final answer of the Southern Pacific. There is only one way to do, and that is to get the Southern Sierras Power Company to put up all the money if we can get them to do this, you paying one-half to be deducted from \$100,000 coming from the Southern Sierras Power Company, and the Southern Sierras Power Company paying the other half. In other words, if this is consummated as above, you will get \$87,500 from the Southern Sierras Power Company as the power is developed, a net figure to you, less the \$2500 that is coming to me under the terms of my contract, or \$85,000 net.

It is up to us then to get all we can out of the water for agricultural purpose after it leaves the power field, and I will be glad to help all I can.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

SNOWCREEK:
ALBRIGHT

SNOW CREEK POWER DEVELOPMENT - HARRISON ALBRIGHT

From the papers of Ed Fletcher, the following letters were removed to the alphabetized correspondence files

ALBRIGHT, Harrison

Fletcher to Albright, [4 letters] 1/4/22, 1/10/22, 1/30/22, 2/14/22

Fletcher to Mrs. H. Albright, [12 letters] 1/31/22, 2/17/22, 2/27/22, 2/28/22, 3/7/22, 3/28/22, 4/3/22, 4/24/22, 4/25/22, 5/9/22, 5/15/22, 7/24/22

Mrs. H. Albright to Fletcher, [3 letters] 3/5/22, 3/31/22, 5/11/22

CROUCH, Charles C.

Fletcher to Crouch, [6 letters] 4/5/22, 7/8/22, 10/31/22, 11/8/22, 11/28/22, 11/28/22

Crouch to Fletcher, [3 letters] 11/1/22, 12/1/22, 12/23/22

Fletcher to HARKER, Geo. M., 2/3/22

HARTKE, C.H. (Woodruff & Shoemaker)

Hartke to Fletcher, [9 letters] 5/3/22, 6/28/22, 7/11/22, 8/16/22, 9/19/22, 9/28/22, 10/11/22, 10/21/22, 11/1/22

Fletcher to Hartke, [18 letters] 5/8/22, 5/16/22, 7/5/22, 7/8/22, 7/20/22, 7/24/22, 8/15/22, 9/15/22, 9/22/22, 10/6/22, 10/10/22, 10/19/22, 10/21/22, 10/30/22, 11/1/22, 11/2/22, 11/10/22, 12/28/22

Hartke to Crouch, 12/7/22

HUBER, Walter

Huber to McAllaster, B.A., 1/6/22

Huber to Fletcher, [10 letters] 1/6/22, 1/28/22, 1/31/22, 2/15/22, 2/25/22, 4/20/22, 4/20/22, 6/8/22, 8/10/22

Fletcher to Huber, [11 letters] 1/31/22, 2/17/22, 4/3/22, 4/25/22, 6/5/22, 6/29/22, 7/22/22, 7/24/22, 8/7/22, 8/8/22, 8/15/22

Huber to Hartke, 5/31/22

Huber to Poole (Eng., S.S. Power Co.), 5/1/22

Huber to West, A.C. (VP, Southern Sierras Power Co.), 5/31/22

KLUEGEL to Hartke, 5/10/22

MCALLASTER, B.A. (Land Commissioner)

McAllaster to Fletcher, 2/11/22

McAllaster to Huber, [2 letters] 2/11/22, 5/27/22

Fletcher to POOLE, C.A., 2/17/22

SANDERS, Hugh (of Crouch and Sanders)

Sanders to Fletcher, [2 letters] 7/7/22, 7/21/22

Fletcher to Sanders, 7/25/22

SHOUP, Paul (VP, Southern Pacific Co.)

Fletcher to Shoup, [5 letters] 1/20/22, 7/18/22, 9/15/22, 10/25/22, 10/30/22

Shoup to Fletcher, [4 letters] 1/25/22, 7/21/22, 10/26/22, 11/7/22

Shoup to Mrs. H. Albright, 3/15/22

WEST, A.B.

Fletcher to S.S.P.Co., [5 letters] 2/2/22, 2/17/22, 3/3/22, 5/9/22, 10/12/22

S.S.P. Co. (Huber) to WEST, 2/15/22

S.S.P. Co. (West) to Hartke, 10/9/22

West to Fletcher, 10/14/22

WRIGHT, Gilbert S.

Wright to Fletcher, [4 letters] 4/24/22, 7/19/22, 10/18/22, 11/29/22

Fletcher to Wright, [3 letters] 4/26/22, 10/27/22, 11/28/22

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